were destroyed and that the Government would see that poramboke lands are assigned to those Harijans whose houses had been destroyed. May I know why there was so much delay in considering the assignment of poramboke lands to Harijans? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' My information is that poramboke lands are rather scarce and so the Government are now considering whether any private lands can be acquired for the use of Harijans as house-sites.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR —'' സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറയുകയാണ് അവിടെ പുറമ്പോക്ക സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ വളരെ കുറവാണെന്ന്. ചിറക്കൽ താലൂക്കിൽ '' കാട്ടമ്പള്ളി '' എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു പുറമ്പോക്കു സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഉള്ളതിൽ നിന്നു അവിടെ വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കം കൊണ്ടു് വീടുകൾ നശിച്ച ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു വീടുകെട്ടുവാൻ സ്ഥലം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു, കലക്ടർക്കും, വെൽഫേർ ഓഫീസർക്കും, താസിൽദാർക്കും മററും നിവേദനങ്ങൾ അയച്ചിട്ടു എന്തുകൊണ്ടു നടപ്പിലാക്കീട്ടില്ല എന്നു ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് പറയുമോ ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' They are being implemented as far as practicable.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN —'' സർ, മലബാറിൽ സാധാരണ വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കം വരുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ നദികളുടെ രണ്ടു വശങ്ങളിലും താമസിക്കുന്ന ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ വീടുകൾ ഓരോ കൊല്ലവും നശിക്കാറുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് വീടുകൾ നശിക്കാത്ത വിധത്തിൽ പേർമെനൻറ് വീടുകൾ കെട്ടുവാനുള്ള താമസസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് വല്ല നടപടികളും എടുക്കുമോ ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes Sir, the Government are taking all practical steps in the matter. If the hon. Member brings to my notice any specific case wherein anything further has to be done, I will certainly look into it and do what is possible.''

Private educational institutions taken over by the Government.

12 noon. * 193 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken over the administration and maintenance of any high schools from private or public bodies other than local bodies, during the years 1947–52 ; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such institutions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Yes.

'' (*b*) The following institutions were taken over by the Government :—

Pudukkottai State—

1 Sri Brihadambal Boys' High School.
2 Ranees' High School for Girls.

Private—

1 Manavedan High School, Nilambur.
2 Hameedia High School, Keelakarai.

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Private—*cont.*

3 Vidyodaya Girls' High School, T. Nagar.
4 Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee.

The Vidyodaya Girls' High School has since been retransferred to private management.''

Construction of a bridge across the Coleroon in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 194 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the materials like iron and cement, etc., got for the construction of a bridge across the Coleroon in Tiruchirappalli district in Vilangudi-Tirumanur road at Thirumanur were removed recently and sent to another district; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such diversion of materials; and when the bridge work is proposed to be taken up?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) Only steel was purchased for this bridge work. It was diverted to other bridge works in neighbouring districts, as the proposal to construct a bridge at Tirumanoor had been deferred.

In view of the present financial stringency, it is not possible to say when the work will be taken up.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—'' உடையார்பாளையம் பெரம்பலூர் தாலூக்காக்களுக்கு தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து போக்குவரத்து வசதி கிடைக்கும்படியான முறையில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு பின் ஏன் கை விடப்பட்டது. அந்தப் பாலம் பிற்பட்ட பகுதியான தாலூகாவிற்கு உபயோகப்படும்படியான காரணத்தினால் அதை மறுபடியும் ஆரம்பிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' The question started with that object only as early as 1940. But subsequently it was not possible to proceed with the work. There was a proposal to construct a cause-way and later on it was decided to change it to a bridge; but subsequently the Chief Engineer has remarked that there are already three bridges between Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore at three points, viz., Srirangam, Lower Anicut and Anakkaran Chatram and as such this construction was not considered to be of immediate necessity and therefore it has been deferred.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—'' பாலம் கட்டாது ' காஸ்வேஸ் ' (cause-way) யாவது குறைந்த செலவில் கட்ட அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' That is a very uneconomic undertaking—in fact, the construction of a bridge itself would be taken up as soon as funds are available.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Questions over.''